(4) Ensure equity between different classes of tax payers/property owners;

(5) Facilitate self assessment of property tax by property owners/occupiers.

Perspective Plan for Delhi

426. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is perennial power and water shortage in the Capital and yet proposals for new colonies and multi-storey buildings are being approved;

(b) whether there is a perspective plan to meet these shortages on permanent basis; and

(c) what steps are being taken to develop satellite towns to get rid the Capital of the present congestion?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Due to the burgeoning population in the Capital, a large part of which is due to the in-migration there is power and water shortage in the city. However, housing especially for the low and middle income Groups, has to be provided for. Regarding power and water shortage, the matter is monitored at various levels. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi and other local authorities are being continuously pressed to ensure that no-unauthorised or multi-storeyed buildings, which is not in accordance with the bye-laws and the Delhi Master Plan, is allowed to come up or continue.

The Delhi Vidyut Board and the Delhi Jal Board also make concerted efforts to reduce the gap between the actual demand and supply of power and water respectively.

(c) The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) was set up to decongest Delhi by diverting various activities to the NCR areas and satellite towns. The NCRPB and the Govt. of India have provided loan assistance of Rs. 828.46 crores till December, 1999 to the participating States for implementation of 135 schemes.

HUDCO Assistance for Drinking Water Scheme in Karnataka

427. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether HUDCO has agreed to provide assistance to Karnataka for drinking water schemes;